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- 1. The countries of Central Europe and of the Balkans are at present undergoing major changes. The Soviets are partly withdrawing their hand from Hungary and the consequence of this would be the eventual victory of more national elements over the protagonists of blind obedience to the Kremlin. A similar situation exists in Bulgaria. Slavcho Trunski and Dobri Terpeschev, both national Communists, have returned as candidate member and member, respectively, to the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party. This must be considered as a break with the policy previously conducted by Minister President Chervenkov.
- 2. The trend toward greater national independence in both Hungary and Bulgaria will be strengthened after the withdrawal of Soviet occupation forces from Austria. The time will then have come to reappraise the present political system in Central Europe and the Balkans. Tito is waiting for a propitious moment to realize his old Balkan plans. He is counting on sympathetic understanding on the part of Austria because it would be in its own interest if Hungary and Bulgaria loosened their ties with Moscow and turned more to Central Europe. Tito conceives it to be his mission to help establish a new political order in the Balkans.

comment: It appears that the political estimate reflects wishful thinking rather than political reality. Although the Kremlin outwardly refrains from interfering in the domestic affairs of its Satellites, the recent reshuffle of the Hungarian Cabinet clearly shows the strength of the Soviet influence on the countries within the Soviet orbit.

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